

REMARKS

Applicants note, with appreciation, that the Examiner allows claims 1 – 9 and 11 – 18. However, the Examiner rejects independent claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Uchikura (U.S. Patent No. 5,337,346), and rejects independent claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Uchikura in view of Kenichi (JP 8-019032). Applicants thank the Examiner for providing an English translation of Kenichi as requested by Applicants in the telephone conversation of 8 February 2006.

By amendment herein, Applicants cancel claim 24, without prejudice, amend claim 25, and add new claim 26. In particular, Applicants amend claim 25 to claim a mobile radio communication device including a peripheral audio output device having an adaptor, wherein the memory storing pre-recorded audio is located in the adaptor of the peripheral audio output device. New claim 26 limits the peripheral audio output device to a headset. No new matter is added. As discussed further below, all claims pending after entry of this response stand in condition for allowance.

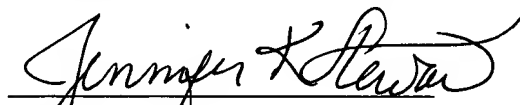
Uchikura describes a portable telephone equipped with a removable IC card, where the IC card includes memory for storing audio information. However, nothing in Uchikura teaches or suggests placing audio memory in an adaptor of an external audio output device, such as a headset. As such, Uchikura does not anticipate claims 25 – 26. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

In light of the above remarks and enclosed amendments, Applicants submit that, in addition to allowed claims 1 – 9 and 11 – 18, claims 25 – 26 also stand in condition for allowance. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections

and issue a Notice of Allowance. If any deficiencies remain, Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned so that such issues may be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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